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Set	Items	Description
S1	751206	(POSTAGE OR FRANK OR FRANKING OR SHIPPING OR MAILING OR MAIL) (5N) (NET OR NETWORK OR LAN OR WAN OR INTERNET OR INTRANET OR COMMUNICAT????? OR LINE OR LINK OR CHANNEL)
S2	34979	(POSTAGE OR FRANK OR FRANKING OR SHIPPING OR MAILING OR MAIL) (5N) (MARK OR MARKING OR STAMP OR INDICIA OR INDICIUM OR IMPRESSION OR IMPRINT OR INPRINT OR EVIDENCE)
S3	272	S2 (5N) (THIRD OR INTERMEDIARY OR PROXY OR VENDER OR VENDOR OR VENDING OR MERCHANT)
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TITLE: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REMOTE POSTAGE METERING
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ABSTRACT:
<CHG DATE=19980609 STATUS=N> A system and method for remote postage metering of postage indicia, including demanding a desired postage amount and subsequently printing the postage indicia onto a piece of mail. A user inputs certain necessary information, as well as additional desired information, into a local processor-based system. The local system then assembles a postage demand in suitable format and transmits the same to a remote postage metering device. The remote postage metering device then verifies the demand for authority to demand and valid funding. Upon verification, the remote postage meter assembles a data packet representing an authorized postage indicia. The data packet is transmitted to the local system for printing. Printing of the postage indicia may be unaccompanied, or may include additional information. Such additional information may include destination and return address, machine readable routing or identification information, or a complete document to be posted.

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TITLE: Method and apparatus for a modular postage accounting system
DATE-ISSUED: October 13, 1998
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ABSTRACT: Apparatus and method for a modular postage accounting system. An open system metering device of the present invention includes a general purpose computer, a digital printer and a secure metering device (SMD). The SMD performs the accounting functions of a postage meter and generates encrypted postage indicia data for transmission by the computer to the digital printer and subsequent printing on a mailpiece by the digital printer. Postage credit data can be entered into the SMD using a computerized meter resetting system just as it is in a conventional postage meter.

16 Claims,   12 Drawing figures
Exemplary Claim Number: 1
Number of Drawing Sheets: 10

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Claims Text - CLTX: a secure metering device capable of generating said secure postage indicium and accounting for the generation of said secure postage indicium, having a first communications port connected to said third I/O port for communicating postage information between said secure metering device and said computer, wherein at least one component of said secure metering device is housed in a physically secure housing, said physically secure housing being capable of preventing access to said at least one component, and wherein said secure postage indicium includes encoded postage information subject to verification and obviates a need for said printer to provide the physical security of said physically secure housing.

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20020083020 A1
TITLE: Method and apparatus for providing postage over a data communication network
PUBLICATION-DATE: June 27, 2002
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ABSTRACT: A method for dispensing postage includes receiving, at a postal vendor system, a proxy request from a proxy server system. The proxy server system generates the proxy request in response to a postage purchase request including one or more criteria about desired postage from a user. First postage information for printing a postage indicium is transmitted from the postal vendor system to the proxy server system. The proxy system is not authorized to dispense postage by a postal authority, but the postal vendor system is authorized to dispense postage by the postal authority.

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Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX: [0023] In another embodiment, a <u>communication system for dispensing postage includes a communication</u> network. A proxy server system is coupled to the communication network and configured to receive a postal purchase request that includes one or more criteria about desired postage from a user. The proxy system generates a proxy request in response to the postal purchase request. The proxy system is not authorized to dispense postage by a postal authority. A postal vendor system is coupled to the communication network and configured to receive the proxy request from the proxy server system and generate first postal information for printing a <u>postage indicium in response to the proxy</u> request. The postal vendor system is authorized to dispense postage by the postal authority.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX: [0039] Accordingly, PVS 104 is primarily responsible for dispensing postage in response to postage purchase requests received from user systems 132 and 134 via the proxy system 102. PVS 104 may itself be comprised of multiple interconnected computer and server systems and communication links. PVS 104 may be configured to receive postage requests from proxy system 104 (or user systems 132 and 134 in other embodiments), validate the postage requests, generate information for printing indicia in response to the postage requests, perform security functions related to the postage transactions, manage funds related to the <u>postage transactions, communicate the information for printing the indicia to the proxy</u> system, and other functions. These functions are generally performed by software code modules executed by PVS 104. Alternatively, these functions may be also performed by hardware modules of PVS 104, or a combination thereof.

Claims Text - CLTX: 26. A <u>communication system for dispensing postage, comprising: a communication</u> network; a proxy server system coupled to the communication network and

configured to receive a postal purchase request that includes one or more criteria about desired postage from a user and generate a proxy request in response to the postal purchase request, wherein the proxy system is not authorized to dispense postage by a postal authority; and a postal vendor system coupled to the communication network and configured to receive the proxy request from the proxy server system and generate first postal information for printing a <u>postage indicium in response to the proxy</u> request, wherein the postal vendor system is authorized to dispense postage by the postal authority.